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MOKOLO AND CROCODILE RIVER (WEST) WATER AUGMENTATION PROJECT (MCWAP):

Phase 2: Transfer scheme from the Crocodile River (West) to the Lephalale area
DEAT Ref. No. 12/12/20/1466

Reply Form

Registration as an Interested and Affected Party

(Complete and return by 19 June 2009 to Salomon Piensaar)

Date:	18 JUNE 2009	
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Registration as an I&AP:	☐ Yes	☐ No
I would like to attend the Public Open Day on 27 May 2009 from 08h00 to 13h00 at the Thabazimbi Bioscope Hall	☐ Yes	☐ No
I would like to attend the Public Open Day on 27 May 2009 from 15h30 to 19h30 at the Mogol Conference Hall (Lephalale)	☐ Yes	☐ No

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Please include the contact details of any possible other I&APs you might be aware of:

Comments: (note - additional pages may be included if the space provided is insufficient)

Escom should rethink this whole scheme and find a more economical and less disruptive way of providing power and possibly it should come from a more centralised point.

MCWAP.

The Crocodile River (West) west of Thabazimbi is a very special and, to a large extent, unspoilt area.

Wildlife is in abundance and the variety of species is increasing. Of great importance is the wonderful riverine forest along the banks, providing habitat to birds that would not normally live in the dry west.

There are particularly large species of Combretum Imbebe (Leadwoods), some of which are presumed to be more than 1000 years old. There are also Acacia Albida (Anaboom) as well as Combretum erythrophyllum (Vadertandswilt), Ziziphus mucronata (Blinklaas) and numerous other species. These trees are totally dependant on the water table being kept at an acceptable level. Should they be allowed to die any flash floods in the future would see mega tons of the river bank washed away into the Indian Ocean, with who knows what consequences.

The farms Rooibokkraal, Krokodilsdraai and Schuur, bordering the river have been owned by us for 56 years, and in times of severe drought and when the river has been dry for long periods, we have seen these magnificent trees suffering under great stress.

Ever mindful that trees are an integral part of our lives it would be criminal to allow this whole ecosystem along the river river banks to be destroyed.

The Crocodile River from Brits to Thabazimbi has become infested with alien vegetation mainly in the form of syringa and bluegum trees. Eskom and/or Sasol or the landowners should be required to eradicate these trees.

When the farmers upstream of Thabazimbi see more water coursing past their farms will there be adequate measures in place to stop them pumping increasing amounts of water onto their lands.

Will the farmers below Thabazimbi be precluded from drawing what little water there will be before it reaches Botswana.

We believe it is the duty of the Department of Water Affairs to effectively police the river in view of the fact that they will be altering the water flow artificially and drastically. It is vital that the Crocodile and Limpopo Rivers are protected in every way possible not only for South Africans but also for our neighbours in Botswana so that cordial relations will be maintained with them.

We realise there is a power shortage in South Africa but feel this MOWAP has been entered into hastily without sufficient thought given to the ramifications thereof.

Salient Points.

1. Western area of South Africa subject to severe droughts.
2. Unspoilt areas should be treasured and not degraded.
3. Trees along the river are important to maintain soil stability and provide habitat for wildlife.
4. Invader species should be eliminated.
5. Farmers to be monitored and limited to the amount of water available.
6. We appreciate you have fulfilled the mandate given to you but feel Eskom should plan a long term strategy for supplying power and not an ad hoc scheme such as this.